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NATIONAL REPORT

Colin Powell Says No To Presidency And Yes To Republican Party



▲ General Colin Powell, with his wife Alma at his side, announces at a news conference that he will not seek the 1996 presidency.

General Colin Powell recently announced to waiting Americans that he won't run for the nation's top office or any office in 1996.

"I have spent long hours talking with my wife and children, the most important people in my life, about the impact an entry into political life would have on us," Powell said at a press conference in Alexandria, VA. "It would require sacrifices and changes in our lives that would be difficult for us to make at this time. The welfare of my

family had to be uppermost in my mind."

Powell went on to say that he did not think he had the passion and commitment needed to run.

"To offer myself as a candidate for President requires a commitment and a passion to run the race and to succeed in the quest; the kind of passion and the kind of commitment that I felt every day of my 35 years as a soldier," Powell said. "A passion and commitment, that despite my every effort, I do not yet have for political life, because such a life requires a calling that I do not yet hear."

Powell did not rule out running in the future.

"The future is the future," he said. Powell did announce that he had joined the Republican Party and would "try to assist the party in broadening its appeal."

At the press conference, Powell

was joined by his wife Alma, who said her fears for Powell's safety did not play a part in his decision not to run. She also said she supported the decision.

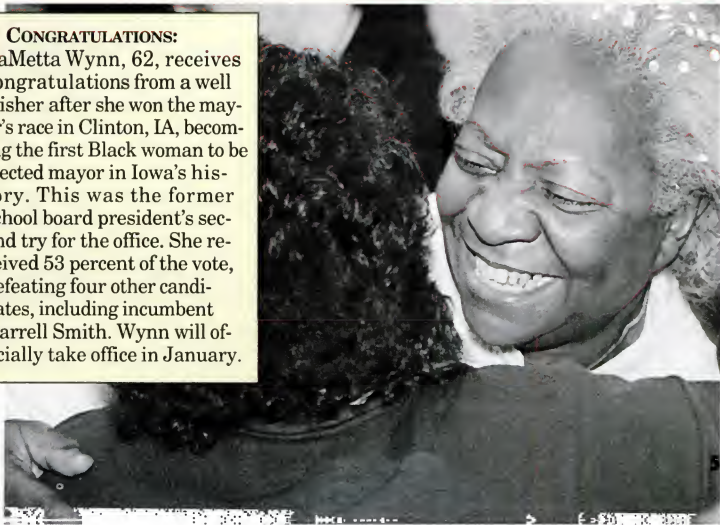
"It was one that we reached together as a team as we have for 33 years, and I am very supportive," Mrs. Powell said.

Powell concluded by reiterating his thanks for his supporters and his admiration for the nation.

"Finally, let me say how honored I am that so many of you thought me worthy of your support," he said. "It says more about America than it says about me. In one generation, we have moved from denying a Black man service at a lunch counter to elevating one to the highest military office in the nation and to being a serious contender for the presidency. This is a magnificent country, and I am proud to be one of its sons."

► CONGRATULATIONS:

LaMetta Wynn, 62, receives congratulations from a well wisher after she won the mayor's race in Clinton, IA, becoming the first Black woman to be elected mayor in Iowa's history. This was the former school board president's second try for the office. She received 53 percent of the vote, defeating four other candidates, including incumbent Darrell Smith. Wynn will officially take office in January.





▲ Gary's newly elected mayor, Scott King, and his wife Irene Smith-King, thank supporters at King's campaign headquarters after his recent victory. Their daughters, Cathryn (l) and Brittany are in the background. King became Gary's first White mayor in 28 years.



City Of Gary, Indiana Elects First White Mayor In 28 Years

In a landslide victory, Democrat Scott King recently was elected as the first White mayor in 28 years of predominately Black Gary, IN.

King received more than 23,000 votes. His nearest opponent, independent candidate Marion Williams garnered approximately 5,500 votes. King was the only White in the race. The other three candidates, Williams, Republican Diane Ross Boswell and independent Reverend

◀ A defense attorney and co-owner of a private firm, Mayor-elect Scott King has never held public office before.



▲ *Black Gary voters and Scott King supporters cheer as they listen to election returns. Voters overwhelmingly elected King, the only White candidate.*

McCraney are Black.

"Let's just remember this election is about all of us moving forward together," King said during his victory speech. "It's not about race."

In 1967, Richard Hatcher became Gary's first Black mayor, beginning a chain of Black leadership of the city. The current mayor, Thomas V. Barnes, decided not to seek re-election, but he had urged citizens to support Williams.

Gary has a population of 120,000 with Blacks making up 90 percent of that number.

King is an attorney who has never held public office. He said his promise to "run the city like a business," and to end the "old-fashioned political patronage approach" helped him win the election. He also said people chose to vote for him in much the same way they chose him as a defense attorney.

"There are 10 percent of African-American people who hire me because I'm White. They say, 'The

judge is White, the prosecutor is White, the jury is White—I need my own White guy on my side.'

"There are 10 percent of people who decide not to hire me because I'm White. But 80 percent make their decision on their assessment of my ability."

King said he planned to attack crime immediately. In 1993, Gary had the most murders-per-capita in the nation.

"All of us—rich, poor; young, old; men, women; Black, White, are united as victims of crime," King said in a written statement. "We are similarly united in our desire to solve the problems of crime. Every law abiding citizen reacts to the daily reports of murders, drug deals, car thefts, rapes and robberies with one thought: Someone has got to do something about crime in Gary."

The mayor-elect said he would establish a special mayor's council on crime to find solutions for decreasing crime. Members from the private and



▲ Scott King shakes hands with a Gary, IN, resident outside of a polling station on election day. King garnered enough support to win in a landslide victory.

governmental sectors will serve on the special council and the mayor will be the chairman. The mayor said he wants to use the council to make an immediate impact.

"From this process, I will formulate and put into action Gary's attack on crime, utilizing every means at the City's disposal from both the public and private sector," King said about the council. "It is my goal that this council provide a vehicle to give every man, woman and child an opportunity to be part of our united

front against crime in Gary."

In addition to the council on crime, King said he'll set up similar councils to address economic development and city services.

King is married to Irene Smith-King. They have two daughters and one son.

King has said: "Gary's a lot more to me than a political opportunity. This happens to be where I live and where my kids go to school."

Mayor-elect King will take the oath of office on January 1.

Schmoke Wins Third Term In Baltimore; Willie Brown Has Run-Off In San Francisco

For Black candidates who had hoped to gain seats in local and state legislative bodies across the country, election day was a combination of victories and defeats.

In Baltimore, Mayor Kurt Schmoke—promising to hire more police officers and work on a \$100 million, fed-

erally sponsored, urban renewal plan—easily won a third term in office.

In addition, Baltimore voters elected two-time city councilman Lawrence Bell as council president. The 33-year-old Bell will lead the council's first ever Black majority.

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▲ Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, with his wife Patricia at his side, thanks his campaign workers who recently helped him get elected to his third term.

elected as Baltimore's comptroller, thereby making the top three city officials Black.

In San Francisco, former California Assembly speaker Willie Brown is headed for a runoff against the city's current mayor, Frank Jordan, to head the city.

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► San Francisco mayoral candidate Willie Brown addresses a crowd of supporters at his party on election night. Because no mayoral candidate captured more than 50 percent of the vote, Brown now faces a December 12 runoff with incumbent Frank Jordan.



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▲ San Francisco mayoral candidate Willie Brown enjoyed support across racial and generational lines. He chatted with poll workers at the Urban Life Center during the recent election. He voted earlier with an absentee ballot, but visited his usual polling place.

oral election, Brown, who as assembly speaker was considered one of the most powerful Black politicians in the country, won 34 percent of the votes and Jordan won 31 percent.

"This is the race we were looking for," said the 61-year-old Brown, who, if elected, would be the city's first Black mayor. "I want to stuff this turkey by Thanksgiving."

After the votes were tabulated, former federal housing official Roberta Achtenberg, who won 27 percent of the vote, endorsed Brown's candidacy. A leader in the gay community, Ach-

tenberg said she felt the city would "be best served, in my view, by seeking to move Frank Jordan aside and uniting behind Mr. Brown."

Among those Blacks who did not do well at the polls were former Fayette, Mississippi, Mayor Charles Evers, brother of slain civil rights leader Medger Evers. In a surprise defeat, Evers lost in his bid to become the first Black Republican elected to the state legislature since the 1800s. Fellow Black Republican Jim Terry also lost in his campaign to gain a seat in the Mississippi Statehouse.

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▲ *U.S. Rep. Cardiss Collins of Illinois has announced she will not seek re-election to Congress. The former Congressional Black Caucus chair will end a stellar 23-year career as the longest-serving Black female member of the House of Representatives.*

Rep. Collins Turns Down 13th Term On Capitol Hill

Just as Black women prepared to mount a coast-to-coast drive to increase their strength in politics, Capitol Hill's foremost minority feminine champion decided not to seek another term.

Already, Chicago's Rep. Cardiss Collins had compiled 23 years in the House, being the longest serving Black female member, and had become a wizened advocate for equal opportunity without the use of dramatics or notoriety. She was the 16th Democrat to toss in the towel after exposure to a GOP-controlled legislative body, which offered no committee chairmanships and gave Democrats little chance to "steal any thunder."

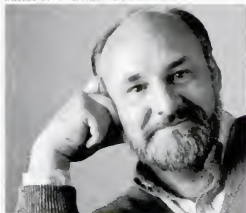
The woman who started as a stenographer and eventually audited records for the Illinois Department of Revenue took over the congressional role in 1973 after her husband, Rep. George Collins, was killed in an airplane crash.

"She is one lawmaker who had no stigma of scandal in her work," said Atty. Derrick Humphries, who once worked on her staff. "She took pride in excelling with a spotless record as much as she did in expanding the frontiers for achievement."

Rep. Collins, who several years ago sold her half-million-dollar D.C. home for a Virginia condo, racked up enough "firsts" on the Hill to be re-

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Her official biography hails her as "a trailblazer, who was the first African-American congresswoman from the state of Illinois and for nearly a decade was the only Black woman in Congress and first to hold the rank of Democratic whip-at-large."

She was elected chairwoman of the House Government Operations subcommittee on manpower and housing, and later served as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 96th Congress.

Her specialties involved investigation of college sports to demand

more opportunities for women and enactment of laws to expand medicare coverage for screening millions of women. From protesting redlining by banks and financial institutions to laxity in airline safety records, Rep. Collins established a solid record.

A mother of a son and a grandmother, the native of St. Louis who moved to Detroit at 10 attended Northwestern University. Asked why she suddenly decided to quit Congress, the venerable stateswoman quipped, "I'm going to be 65 next year and that's the time many people retire. Now is the time for me to move on."

Maxine Pates, Chicago Educator And Community Activist, Dies Of Cancer

Maxine Pates, a Chicago educator and community activist, recently died following an unsuccessful bout with cancer. She was 60.

Pates, the wife of retired Kennedy-King College president Dr. Harold Pates, organized the Kennedy-King Community Scholarship Committee in 1987, which, over the course of six years, contributed more than \$80,000

in scholarship funds.

An elementary school teacher, Pates organized the "Teachers for Washington" organization in Chicago which supported the late Mayor Harold Washington, Chicago's first Black elected mayor. The group aided in significant fund-raising for the campaign before the first primary election.

She is survived by her husband, two children, mother, a sister, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, granddaughter and niece.

CENSUS

Correction:

In a census item on the late Dr. Hamilton E. Holmes in the November 13 issue of JET, the names of his survivors were incorrect. Dr. Holmes is survived by his wife, Marilyn Vincent, two children, his mother, three brothers and a sister.

Oliver 'Ollie' Harrington, Pioneering Black Cartoonist, Dies At 84 In Berlin



▲ Black cartoonist Ollie Harrington was renowned for his ever-popular, soulful cartoon character Bootsie.

Pioneering Black cartoonist, Oliver "Ollie" Harrington, best known for the 1930s comic character *Bootsie*, recently died at his home in Berlin. He was 84.

Harrington began his career as a cartoonist during a time when few Blacks were entering the profession. His interest in cartooning began as a young boy in school when he drew caricatures of a teacher he considered a bigot.

A graduate of Yale University, Har-

ington continued his studies at the National Academy of Design.

Bootsie, the cartoon Harrington became best known for, was created in 1936. A cartoon of a Black man he described in a 1964 book as "a jolly, rather well-fed but soulful character," *Bootsie* was developed when Harrington was hired as a temporary cartoonist at The Amsterdam News in New York City.

The cartoon appeared in The Pittsburgh Courier and many other newspapers.

His criticism of what he called nationwide apathy about legislation against lynching came under questioning from the FBI during the McCarthy era. Eventually, Harrington left the United States and lived for some years in Paris where he was part of a group of Black American expatriates which included authors Richard Wright and Chester Himes. During his years abroad, he wrote articles for American periodicals.

In 1961, Harrington moved to what was formerly East Berlin, where he lived until his death.

The late internationally acclaimed writer-poet Langston Hughes, a friend of Harrington's, once described him as America's most popular Black cartoonist and a first-rate social satirist.

Harrington is survived by his wife, the former Helga Richter, a son, Oliver W. Jr. of Berlin, and a sister, Earthaline Williamson of Bronx, NY.

TICKER TAPE

by Simeon Booker, Washington Bureau Chief

Confidential: The bewildering challenge facing the Congressional Black Caucus concerns picking a chairman to succeed New Jersey Rep. **Donald M. Payne** when his term ends in January. The all-time high 41 membership must decide whether the leader to guide them through the turbulent 1996 presidential election will be Atlanta Rep. **John Lewis**, Fla. Rep. **Alcee Hastings**, or Calif. Rep. **Maxine Waters**. The candidate enjoying the most support is ex-chair, Baltimore Rep. **Kweisi Mfume**, whose record in the post still stands as a model... With Texas already the first state where Black women have shut out Black men in Congress, electing Reps. **Eddie Bernice Johnson** and **Sheila Jackson-Lee**, prominent Black sorority, civic and labor leaders, are banding together for a power drive next year. For the past few years, women dominated the Black delegations at the

political conventions and now the leaders want to expand the number in Congress and in state and municipal positions...The Black law enforcement agent who handed President **Richard Nixon** the subpoena ordering him to turn over the Watergate tapes was named Maryland's first Black U. S. Marshal, the number one slot in the state. For 30 years, **George K. McKinney** held high profile assignments in the federal service...New Bible for economic reformers is Dr. **Claud Anderson's** *Black Labor, White Wealth* published by Duncan and Duncan, Inc. The former Commerce assistant secretary warns that if the problem is not addressed, the Black underclass will be fixed in place for a long time ...Do you have neighbors who plan projects in answer to the Million Man March? Drop us a note at Ticker Tape, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

National Headliners



Donald Payne

Upcoming Hill battles—the GOP effort to halt all government housing programs encouraging Black families to leave the inner cities and move to the suburbs and implementation of the Stock amendment which will bar non-profit organizations that receive federal funds from lobbying in Washington. The NAACP counsel **George Hailes** opposed the measure at a press conference.



Eddie Johnson

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This Week In Black History

November 21, 1865—

Shaw University was founded in Raleigh, NC, on this day. Shaw University is a private, Baptist-affiliated liberal arts university. It is one of the nation's first Black institutions of higher education.



November 22, 1986—

▲ **George Brannan** became the first Black to win a Professional Bowlers Association title.


November 26, 1866—

Rust College was founded in Holly Springs, MS, on this day under the auspices of the Methodist Church. It is the second oldest college in Mississippi. Rust College serves approximately 1,000 students.

November 27, 1942—

▼ Famed rock musician **Jimi Hendrix** (James Marshall Hendrix) was born in Seattle on this day. He was hailed as one of the world's greatest guitarists. The late guitarist redefined the sound of the electric guitar with his 1967 debut album *Are You Experienced?* He died at the age of 27 from an apparent drug overdose. During his brief career, he recorded five albums which forever changed the course of American music and influenced countless other musicians who followed. Before his death, he was near financial ruin, owing thousands of dollars to his personal manager and his record company. Today, under the management of his father Al Hendrix, his music, name and image are worth millions.



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Oprah Gives \$1 Million To Spelman College's Science Fund

Talk show host Oprah Winfrey recently donated \$1 million to Spelman College's Initiatives for the '90's campaign. The money will be used for the Science Initiative phase of the plan.

The Initiatives for the '90s campaign was designed to raise \$81 million to strengthen Spelman College in Atlanta by increasing the endowment, establishing new physical facilities and enhancing the overall academic program. Phase II of the Initiative is The Science Initiative, which is designed to help science faculty and students continue to conduct research in areas such as environmental biology, atomic physics and synthetic chemistry.

"I am delighted to be part of the extraordinary legacy of Spelman College and Dr. Johnnetta Cole, whose vision has empowered thousands of young African American women," Winfrey said. "This Science Initiative is a gift to us all, as it allows the next generation to discover new ways to really make our world better."

Spelman College President Johnnetta B. Cole said: "Sister Oprah has once again demonstrated her belief



Oprah Winfrey

in the power of well-educated women to help change our world for the better....Her \$1 million gift is ultimately a dynamic expression of her particular interest in seeing African American women become the mathematicians, scientists and engineers that our nation needs."

Spelman College is a historically Black college for women.

More than 40 percent of Spelman students major in the sciences, mathematics or a dual degree program in engineering—a fact Winfrey made note of in the letter that accompanied her donation. Nationally, Blacks receive only four percent of the undergraduate degrees awarded in science, math and engineering.

The goal of the Science Initiative is to raise \$22.5 million to construct a modern science complex, to acquire state-of-the-art equipment and instrumentation, and to provide greater support for curriculum enrichment, research initiatives and student scholarships.

Winfrey also donated \$1 million to Morehouse College (Atlanta) in 1989 (JET, June 5, 1989).

Archbishop Desmond Tutu To Teach At Emory University

Archbishop Desmond Tutu is retiring from the Archdiocese of Cape Town and will be teaching at Emory University in Atlanta during the 1996-1997 academic year.

The Anglican primate of South Africa will be a visiting professor at the Candler School of Theology. He is expected to teach at least two full academic courses, give several lectures and work on his next book.

Archbishop Tutu, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, has repeatedly visited Emory for speeches and conferences since 1988.



Archbishop Tutu

The archbishop's daughter, Thandeka Gxashe, a 1993 graduate of the Emory University School of Public Health, currently is attending the Emory School of Medicine.

Emory is considered a second home for Tutu, said Kevin LaGree, dean of theology there.

"We knew how much he loved the institution and he is definitely one of the great individuals of our century," LaGree told JET. "His coming was something we mutually agreed upon and we're certainly thrilled to have him come."

▼ **HELP FOR HOMELESS:** Comedian/actress Whoopi Goldberg signs autographs at Planet Hollywood in Beverly Hills, CA, where she gave the director of the Los Angeles Healthcare for the Homeless Project a check for \$575,000. Goldberg presented the money on behalf of Comic Relief, an organization that works to improve the lives of homeless people with contributions made from comedy concerts.

LIFESTYLES



Transsexual Says She Was Fired After Fayetteville State University Discovered She Was A Man

A resident adviser for a women's dorm at Fayetteville (NC) State University says she was fired after school officials discovered she was once a man.

Sharon Franklin Brown, the resident adviser, was born male with the birthname Franklin Brown; however, she said she had been taking female hormones and dressing as a woman for seven years and wishes to be referred to as a female.

"I'm a pre-op transsexual. I take female hormones. I haven't had the operation but I plan to," Brown told JET.

Brown, 29, says when she tried to switch from a temporary position as a resident adviser to a permanent position, administrators learned of her past when her social security number came back with her birth name.

University officials at the North Carolina-based university couldn't say much as to why Brown was dismissed.

"State law precludes our releasing information about current or former employees. We can give information but it's very minimal," Lauren Burgess, associate vice chancellor for university relations at the college, told JET.

Administrators concluded Brown was released due to being unable to satisfy requirements of the job because she lied on her application



▲ Sharon Franklin Brown, 29, born Franklin Brown, says she was fired from her position as a residence adviser at Fayetteville State University after they learned she was once a male.

and misrepresented herself as a woman, according to the Charlotte Observer.

Brown said, "If I wasn't performing up to par I could understand. The only decision was made according to gender. My being let go had nothing to do with performance. I

would still be there today had they not found out."

Iris Hunt-Smith, director of student housing and Brown's former supervisor, said she was one of the best residence directors she ever had.

"She was an excellent residence director. She was doing a good job so

I was very sad to see her go," said Hunt-Smith.

Brown plans to speak to gay, lesbian and bisexual organizations at various universities regarding her firing. She's already spoken at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Simpson's Lawyers Cochran And Dershowitz To Work On Improving Black-Jewish Relations In The U.S.

After winning an acquittal for O.J. Simpson, attorneys Johnnie Cochran, Jr. and Alan Dershowitz say they now plan to work together to improve Black-Jewish relations.



Johnnie Cochran

Cochran spoke briefly on Dershowitz's radio show in Boston, saying, "I really want to do what I can to...make things better between our two communities."

He added, "We cannot retrench and go back into these camps where we're totally polarized. That's one thing the Simpson verdict brought out."

Cochran angered some Jews during the O.J. Simpson trial when he likened White former police detective Mark Fuhrman's comments about Blacks to Adolf Hitler and the Holocaust. Cochran also drew criticism when he hired security guards



Alan Dershowitz

from the Nation of Islam, which has been accused of anti-Semitism.

Dershowitz said he had no problem with Cochran's statements about Fuhrman, but disagreed with Cochran on the guards.

"We talked about it and it ended. And that showed how you can positively talk through differences," Dershowitz said.

Dershowitz, a professor at Harvard Law School, as well as a noted practicing attorney, suggested that he and Cochran devote a radio show before an audience of college students on Black-Jewish relations "which tragically have broken down over the years."

After nearly a year-long trial, O.J. Simpson was found not guilty Oct. 3 in the slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

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SOCIETY WORLD

▲ **We Are One:** Leonard Pettway and his bride, the former Monica Crear, are joyous after joining in holy matrimony at First Baptist Church in Moss Point, MS. The bride, a graduate of the University of South Alabama, is branch manager with Commercial Credit Corp. The groom, also a graduate of the University of South Alabama, is an operations manager with Kmart Corp. The couple enjoyed a romantic honeymoon in the Bahamas.

▲ **Joy! Joy! Joy!:** Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kelly are overjoyed after recently exchanging wedding vows at the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, IN. The beautiful bride, the former Veronica Collins, holds an electrical engineering degree from Purdue University and currently works as an engineer with GTE. The groom holds a master's degree from Ball State University and also is employed at GTE as a sales manager.

► **Solid As Gold:** Gregory Hendricks and his bride, the former Lisa Burgess, recently joined in holy matrimony at Madison St. Church of Christ in Clarksville, TN. The bride completed a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institute and currently is a faculty member at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins Medical Institute. The groom completed residency in anesthesia at Howard University and currently is on staff at East Orange General Hospital.





SOCIETY WORLD

▲ **Always And Forever:** Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Taylor recently exchanged marital nuptials at Palisades At West Paces in Atlanta. The bride, the former Lynette Alston, is a graduate of DeKalb College. A former Atlanta Falcon cheerleader, she is employed as a flight attendant with Delta Airlines. The groom, a graduate of the University of Toulouse in France, plays professional basketball in France for the Toulouse Racing Club.



▲ **Two Become One:** Lieutenant Edrian Oliver and Angela Andrews are in sheer delight after getting married at Hopewell Baptist Church in Norcross, GA. The happy bride is a graduate of the University of Georgia Business School and is employed as a computer analyst in Atlanta. The bridegroom is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and is serving as a Signal Corps officer at Fort Gordon.



◀ **Toast To Love:** Rodney Burke and his bride, the former Sheila Agnew, recently exchanged marital vows at Salem Baptist Church in Chicago. The bride, a graduate of Chicago State University, is the proprietor of her own Chicago-based company, Innovative Custom Event Design. The groom, a graduate of Maryville University, currently is manager, retail sales for Anheuser Busch Inc. in Columbus, OH. The couple spent a romantic honeymoon in Aruba.

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America's Center Lecture Hall	2 pm & 8 pm
Kansas City, MO	Sun., 12/10
Kansas City Lyric Theater	6 pm

Janet Jackson Sets Record With 17th Gold Single 'Runaway'

Superstar performer Janet Jackson recently set a record when her latest tune, *Runaway*, became her 17th gold single. She has more gold singles than any other female artist.

The song, which has sold 500,000 copies to date, is from Janet's greatest hits compilation album, *Design of a Decade 1986/1996*.

The album has sold four million copies worldwide since it was released in October.



▲ Janet Jackson is on top as the female vocal artist with the most gold singles.

► **MAKING A WISH:** Famed singer Shawn Stockman of the Grammy Award-winning hit group Boyz II Men blows out candles on his cake as he celebrates his 23rd birthday at a star-studded bash at Georgia's restaurant in Los Angeles.



Bill Jones

Deborah Cox Shows Vocal Versatility On Debut Album

Soulful, young vocal artist Deborah Cox's vocal cords don't scamper up and down the octave scale in her debut single *Sentimental* but that doesn't mean she can't.

To introduce Cox to the music world with a subtle mood hit like *Sentimental* is a strategy by Arista Records to give audiences a taste of what the powerful yet tender voice of this Toronto-born artist can do.

"We didn't want to come out... with me doing a bunch of vocal aerobatics like I was trying to prove anything," the 21-year-old singer told the New York Daily News. "We just wanted to come in quietly for longevity."

Her self-titled debut album skillfully presents her powerful talent to the listening audience. From the smooth groove of *Sentimental* to the heartfelt emotion of *Sound of My Tears*, Cox shows her vocal versatility and range.

"We spent a long time hand-picking material," Cox said. "Our approach was to find real songs that would have that 'timeless' quality. It took a while... but I knew what I wanted and I think there is some great material here."

In addition to displaying her vocal talent on the debut album, Cox also reveals her writing talent. She co-



Deborah Cox

wrote four songs on the album. One ballad, *Where Do We Go From Here*, is special for the artist because it's the first song she wrote with her partner Lascelles Stephens.

"I first met Lascelles when I was in high school," recalled Cox. "There was creative chemistry between us from the start."

Clive Davis, who molded Whitney Houston

and Toni Braxton, is the executive producer on the album, which features the work of some of the '90s hottest R&B and pop writers and producers. Such talents as Babyface, Keith Crouch, Vincent Herbert, Keith Thomas, Dallas Austin and Daryl Simmons are part of the project.

With parents who sang, music played an important part in Cox's upbringing. By the time she was 12, she was singing professionally. She was performing with a range of local bands and preparing for her education at one of Canada's most prestigious performing arts schools.

In 1990 she won the lead role in the off-Broadway musical *Mamma, I Want To Sing*.

Cox is very happy about her first album. "I think it covers all my musical horizons," she said. "When people hear the record, they'll see a lot of different sides of me musically."

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Michael Jackson And Sony Enter Joint Publishing Venture Valued At \$600 Million



Michael Jackson

Megastar Michael Jackson has merged his music catalog with Sony Corp.'s music publishing division in a joint venture reportedly valued at \$600 million.

Jackson's music catalog, ATV Music Publishing, includes some 250 Beatles songs as well as songs associated with Elvis Presley and Little Richard.

Sony/ATV Music Publishing will include all of the current and future music publishing interests of both parties.

The Sony catalog includes songs by such Sony recording artists as Mariah Carey, Sade, Bob Dylan and Neil Diamond.

Jackson's music catalog includes such Beatles tunes as *Come Together*, *We Can Work It Out*, *Hey Jude* and *Yesterday*.

Jackson's own songs were not included in the deal, Sony said.

Jackson said in a press statement: "The merging of ATV with Sony establishes our commitment to create one of the largest music publishing ventures in the world. We have been working on this for over a year and, now, with the two of us together, the sky is our only limit."

Jackson denied rumors that he made the merger deal with Sony because he is having financial problems during an interview with *USA Today*. "This acquisition had nothing to do with needing funds," Jackson said. "It's just a great move, a corporate, entrepreneurial thing to do. It's smart business. It's about growth. Everything in life to me is about growth."

Michael P. Schulhof, president and CEO, Sony Corporation of America, said: "Michael Jackson is not only the most successful entertainer in history; he is also an astute businessman. Michael understands the importance of copyrights and the role they play in the introduction of new technologies. In joining us for this new venture, Michael recognizes Sony's leadership in developing and realizing new technologies that serve to expand the creative horizons of artists such as himself."

Sony Music Entertainment Presi-

dent Tommy Mottola, who is married to Grammy Award winner Mariah Carey, said, "Today, Sony Music takes its rightful place once again as a major force in music publishing. Copyrights and songs are the foundation of everything in our entire industry."

He added, "To have Michael Jackson's song catalogues joined with ours will enable both Sony Music and Michael Jackson to aggressively build on a publishing portfolio filled with songs that are acknowledged as the cornerstones of popular music today."

Sony said its new catalog will be

the third biggest in music publishing. The largest is Time Warner Inc.'s Warner-Chappell, followed by EMI Music Publishing, according to news reports. Music publishing catalogs generate revenues through compact disc and tape sales and recorded and live performances.

Jackson bought ATV in 1985 for about \$47.5 million. Other bidders at the time included ex-Beatle Paul McCartney.

Financial terms of the new venture were not publicly disclosed at JET press time.



◀ **FATHER PLEADS FOR SON:** Famed singer Aaron Neville recently pleaded to the Louisiana Pardon Board in Baton Rouge, LA, for his son's freedom. Neville said his 23-year-old son Jason gave in to peer pressure and got involved in drugs, and if released from prison, he would live at home with his parents, enroll in college and eventually work in the music business. Jason Neville currently is serving nine years for conspiracy to distribute cocaine. At JET press time, the board recommended to the governor that Jason's nine-year sentence be cut to five years. If the governor agrees, Jason would be eligible for early release for good behavior.



Ron Brown



Donald Payne



John Lewis



Henry Lyons

Blacks Accompany President Clinton To Israeli Prime Minister Rabin's Funeral

Four Black leaders were among the entourage of 76 guests that President Bill Clinton personally selected to accompany him to the recent funeral services for slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the Middle East.

Traveling with the President and the first lady to Jerusalem for the funeral services for the Israeli leader were: U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, Rep. Donald Payne, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, John Lewis, the former civil rights figure who has become one of the leading exponents for peace on Capitol Hill and Rev. Henry Lyons, the new president of the National Baptist Convention.

At the services, a teary-eyed President Clinton remarked that the Israeli leader, "lived as a soldier and died as a soldier for peace."

Later, Clinton told the silent audience: "I believe it is time for all of us to come out openly and to speak about peace, not just here today, but for all

the times to come."

Among the mourners were Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein. Both vowed to carry on the quest for peace begun by Rabin.

Also among the global leaders who made the trip to mourn Rabin were former U.S. Presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush.

New York state Comptroller H. Carl McCall, the first Black elected to a statewide post, was a member of the delegation led by New York Governor George E. Pataki.

A military officer who spent his entire life developing resources for his country and people in the Middle East, Rabin, 73, in the sunset of his life, tried to turn his country toward peace in dealing with his Arab neighbors.

The shift was bitterly opposed by a new class of Israeli extremists. He was killed in a Tel Aviv square by young law student Yigal Amir during a peace rally, shot fatally at close

range.

At JET press time, Israeli officials, suspecting a conspiracy in the assassination, arrested five other suspects in the case and revamped its security forces.

With Rabin's untimely death, memories of past assassinations of other

American leaders who heroically demonstrated their commitments to peace and equality were quickly revived, particularly the memories of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the two Kennedy brothers, President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert Kennedy.



◀ **NEW PRIME MINISTER:** New Haitian Prime Minister Claudette Werleigh toasts with President Jean-Bertrand Aristide as former Prime Minister Smarck Michel (r), watches during induction ceremony at the National Palace in Port-au-Prince. Werleigh became Haiti's first woman prime minister after the upper and lower houses of Parliament had given her policies a vote of confidence.

BET Purchases Shares Held By Time Warner



Robert L. Johnson

BET Holdings, Inc. is spending \$58 million to buy back all of its stock owned by a division of Time Warner Inc., an early investor of the company.

The 3 million shares held by Time Warner Entertainment represents 15.4 percent of all

the outstanding stock of BET.

Time Warner sold the shares to BET, the Washington, D.C.-based company that owns the Black Entertainment Television cable network, in an effort to trim more than \$16 billion in debt.

Following the sale, Time Warner will lose its one seat on BET's seven-member board.

BET, which is controlled by founder and CEO Robert L. Johnson, will finance the purchase through a \$50 million credit facility and from cash on hand.

GMC Unveils Plans To Increase Sales And Dealer Cooperation



Roy Roberts

GMC, General Motors Corporation's upscale truck division, wants its sales to increase 50 percent by the end of the 1990s. To do that it must please its dealers.

GMC General Manager Roy Roberts, GM's highest-ranking Black executive, recently unveiled a plan aimed at making GMC more accessible to its 2000 plus dealers.

Dealers had complained to Roberts about not having enough vehicles to sell and getting the attention of GMC executives.

"We asked the dealers 'How easy

is it to do business with GMC?' And when they got up off the floor laughing two days later, we knew we had problems," Roberts said in a USA Today article.

Communication with dealers is crucial, Roberts said, if sales are to reach the goal of 700,000 annually, a goal Roberts set for himself.

"Nobody in General Motors has told me that I (can have) 700,000 units," Roberts said. "I have to earn it and make it happen."

Thanks to a booming market for trucks and sport utilities, GMC sales already have climbed 38 percent this decade.

Moves announced by Roberts include: adding five regional offices and doubling the size of its sales force, allowing dealers to decide how many vehicles they stock on their lot and setting up hot lines for dealers and auto mechanics for any questions.



the week's best photos

Bill Jones

■ **GOLDEN CELEBRATION:** Renowned music producer/composer Quincy Jones and TV talk show queen Oprah Winfrey pose together at a celebration marking Jones' 50th year in music. The celebration, sponsored by Time-Warner, Inc., Warner Music Group and Warner Brothers Records, was held at the Roseland Ballroom in New York.

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■ **PRESIDENTIAL PERFORMER:** Singer/Actor Carl Anderson and his wife Veronica Porsche attend a dinner held for Ghana President Lt. Jerry John Rawlings at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills. Anderson performed at the dinner.



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▲ Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell (l) and Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke are all smiles as they attend a press conference announcing that the Browns plan to move to Baltimore next season.

Browns Plan Move To Baltimore Next Year

After nearly a half century of playing in Cleveland, the Cleveland Browns will be packing up and moving to Baltimore following the 1995 season.

The announcement about the move was made recently by Browns owner Art Modell and Maryland Governor Parris Glendening at Camden Yards ballpark.

"I have a signed contract in my hand," said a very happy Glendening at the news conference. "The Browns are coming to Baltimore! We are standing on the very spot where in less than three short years, 70,000 fans will be cheering for the Baltimore Browns."

The plan is to have the team play at an improved Memorial Stadium for two years, then move to a state-funded, \$200 million, 70,000-seat stadium next

to Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

The Browns reportedly signed a rent-free, 30-year lease for the soon-to-be-built stadium.

Modell, who was criticized by Cleveland fans for leaving, will need at least 23 of the National Football League's 30 franchise owners to approve the move during an owners meeting in January.

In the event that he does not get the approval of the other owners, Modell, who has owned the team since 1961, has the option of taking the matter to court.

The city of Cleveland is also pursuing ways to stop Modell from moving the team. At JET press time, Cleveland Mayor Michael White was granted a temporary restraining order, which stopped the move until a full hearing in late November.

Rockies' Baylor Named National League Manager Of Year

After only three years on the job, Colorado Rockies Manager Don Baylor has been voted the National League's top manager by the Baseball Writers Association of America. He was the only manager named on all of the 28 ballots. He received 19 first-place votes and nine second-place votes.

This year Baylor, 46, led Colorado to a 77-67 record and to the playoffs, which marks the quickest rise to the playoffs by an expansion team.

Baylor, a retired player, had tried for several years to join the managerial ranks of baseball.

"A lot of people in the front office put a lot of trust in someone who never managed," he said in an article in the New York Times. "You sit back and think about being in the playoffs the first time ever. That's what I'm proudest of. I guess this is a reward for that hard work."



Don Baylor meets the press at Denver's Coors Field where he was named the 1995 National League Manager of the Year. Looking on is Rockies' PR Director Mike Swanson.

Throughout his playing career, Baylor played with seven division champions, three league champions and one World Series winner—the 1987 Minnesota Twins. He was named American League MVP in 1979. He retired from playing in 1988.

Twins Star Outfielder Kirby Puckett Will Stay With Club



Kirby Puckett

In the era of free-agency and players jumping from one team to the next, Minnesota Twins superstar outfielder Kirby Puckett continues to buck base-

ball's latest trend.

Puckett, who hit 23 home runs and drove in 99 runs, recently announced he would not exercise his option and become a free agent to remain with the team.

Puckett, 34, will play his 13th consecutive season with the Twins. The Twins tied with the Toronto Blue Jays this season for the worst record in Major League Baseball at 56-88.

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WBC Clears Way For Bruno, Tyson Bout

The World Boxing Council (WBC) approved Frank Bruno's heavyweight championship title defense against Mike Tyson during the WBC's recent convention in Chang Mai, Thailand.

After unsuccessful legal maneuvers by former champion Lennox Lewis to prevent the fight from taking place, the WBC clearance sets up the Bruno-



Frank Bruno



Mike Tyson

Tyson rematch, which has a March 16 scheduled date.

Alonzo Mourning Traded To Miami From Charlotte

Alonzo Mourning has been traded to the Miami Heat in a deal that will reportedly net the franchise center more than \$90 million over the next seven seasons.

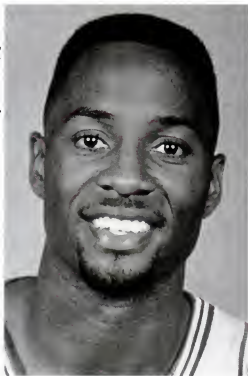
The word is not official but it is expected that Miami will pay Mourning at least the \$13 million a year salary that he wanted from the Charlotte Hornets.

The trade came after Mourning rejected a final offer from Hornets owner George Shinn for \$11.2 million a year.

Some sources say Mourning could get as much as \$105 million for seven seasons from the Heat. He's getting \$4.35 million this season in the remainder of his contract but the 25-year-old center said he will not talk about a new contract until the season ends.

Mourning, who has averaged 21.3 points and 10.1 rebounds in his career, says he is looking to stay in Miami

▶ *Alonzo Mourning, who rejected a seven-year, \$70 million offer from the Charlotte Hornets, was traded to the Miami Heat in a blockbuster seven-player deal.*



through the duration of his career.

In the seven-player deal, the Hornets also dealt guard Pete Meyers and center LeRon Ellis to Miami for small forward Glen Rice, center Matt Geiger and second-year point guard Khalid Reeves. The Hornets also will receive Miami's 1996 first-round draft pick.

NBA Suspends, Fines Record 16 Players After Kings-Pacers Brawl

In an unprecedented move, the NBA suspended 16 players for fighting after the recent Indiana Pacers-Sacramento Kings game in Indianapolis.

Forward Dale Davis of the Pacers and Michael Smith of the Kings received the greatest penalties—both being suspended for two games without pay and \$20,000 in fines.

The pair fought with 2:43 left in the third quarter of the Kings' 119-95 road victory on Nov. 10. NBA Senior Vice President for Basketball Operations Rod Thorn announced the penalties a day later.

Kings' center Duane Causewell was suspended for one game without pay and fined \$7,500 because Thorn said he left the bench and did not try



Dale Davis



Michael Smith

to break up the bench-clearing fracas in which punches and choking took place. The 13 other players, including Pacers star Reggie Miller, received one-game suspensions and \$2,500 fines for leaving the bench areas.

The Kings penalized were Tyus Edney, Byron Houston, Sarunas Marciulionis, Olden Polynice, Lionel Simmons and Walt Williams. The Pacers penalized were Travis Best, Adrian Caldwell, Duane Ferrell, Fred Holberg, Mark Jackson, Miller and Dwayne Schintzius.

► **GOING THE DISTANCE:** Kenya's Tegla Loroupe raises her arms in triumph as she crosses the victory line during the 1995 New York City Marathon which concluded in Central Park. Loroupe won the female division of the race with a time of 2 hours, 28 minutes and 6 seconds. It was the second straight year that Loroupe won the prestigious race and the \$20,000 cash prize and a Jeep Cherokee worth \$27,000. Loroupe, 22, dedicated the race to her late sister Albina, 33, who died on Oct. 30 after severe stomach hemorrhaging and left behind four children ranging in ages from 1 to 10.



Why Sexual Assault Is The Most Rapidly Growing Crime In The Nation



▲ *Dr. Lonnie Bristow, president of the American Medical Association, said sexual assault is rampant because many of the victims are afraid to step forward and seek help. Dr. Julia Hare agreed, noting that many victims believe they have done something to deserve abuse.*

Sexual assault is the most rapidly growing violent crime in the nation, according to the American Medical Association (AMA).

AMA President Dr. Lonnie Bristow says, "Sexual assault is a 'silent-violent epidemic' growing at alarming rates and traumatizing the women and children of our nation.

He adds that the reason for the growth is: "This crime is shrouded in silence caused by unfair social myths and biases that incriminate victims rather than offenders. These myths push victims into the shadows, afraid to step forward and seek help from their physicians."

The National Victim Center reports more than 700,000 women are

raped or sexually assaulted annually.

Every 45 seconds a woman is sexually assaulted. And children represent the largest group of sexual assault victims. A 1992 report estimated that 61 percent of sexual assault victims are under age 18.

Dr. Julia Hare, noted social psychologist who authored *How to Find and Keep a BMW (Black Man Working)*, told JET several things may lead to violence in relationships. For a male abuser it could be a mid-life crisis, loss of employment or other personal issues.

"Rather than them looking at self or taking it out on whatever has caused that stress, they strike out at the person closest to them," she said.



▲ Atlanta Police Department Maj. Ruth Price said sexual assault is being reported more because it's getting media attention.

A "ghetto mentality" also exists with some men who believe that wives or girlfriends think they are non-existent unless they are "going upside their head."

Many times during therapy, Dr. Hare said she can track violence in relationships back to the childhood of either the victim or the abuser. Children may witness their mothers being beaten and come to believe that it is acceptable.

Most women abusers are guilty of mentally abusing their male partners. While most women cannot physically overpower a man, "he does not have the articulate quality of her tongue," Dr. Hare explained.

The American Academy of Pediatrics estimates that about 5 percent of sexual assaults are perpetrated against male victims.

Many victims are no longer keeping this haunting crime in the closet. They are reporting their offenders to proper authorities or to someone they

can trust.

Dr. Hare said more women are speaking out about domestic violence because it is more socially acceptable to do so. However many women still hide their abuse because they feel like they have done something to deserve it.

"I always tell them you never do anything to deserve a black eye," she added.

It is generally accepted that less than 50 percent of total rapes are reported, but it's more rare for men to tell someone they have been abused, Dr. Hare revealed.

Major Ruth Price, commander of a new domestic violence unit in the Atlanta Police Department, told JET that one reason family violence is being reported more is because more media attention has been brought to it.

"A lot of it came from the O.J. Simpson trial," she said. "The media brought attention to it and people started saying we're not going to tolerate it."

Judge Clinton Deveaux, chief judge of the Atlanta Municipal Court, said even television talk shows have helped to bring more light to the problem of sexual assault and domestic violence.

In addition, law enforcement agencies and organizations like the American Medical Association are making concerted efforts to identify issues associated with sexual assault and family violence.

The American Medical Association has issued guidelines to U.S.



Judge Clinton Deveaux of the Atlanta Municipal Court said female judges and lawyers help focus the law on sexual abuse.

physicians for identifying and treating victims of sexual assault and violence.

The guidelines are called *Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault and Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines for the Mental Health Effects of Family Violence*. They were developed by two AMA commissioned panels of experts representing a broad spectrum of medical specialties.

It's important for physicians to be aware of how to deal with victims of these kinds of crimes because most people trust their doctors. Surveys have shown that more than 87 percent of Americans would choose to speak to their personal physician about an assault rather than anyone else.

"Physicians have been individuals who have earned a certain degree of trust over time," Dr. Bristow told JET.

He added that not only victims but abusers may be more comfortable talking with a physician about sexual assault and domestic violence.

Once physicians have read and begin to use the suggestions in the guides, Dr. Bristow said he hopes it leads more victims of sexual assault and family violence to come forward. The guidelines, he said, will help doctors to open up about the subject and begin to routinely ask questions of their patients, especially new ones, that may help identify victims of assault and help them get appropriate treatment for all damage caused by the assault, physical and psychological.

Major Price said many of the problems associated with young people begin with violence in the home such as youth runaways, youths becoming members of gangs and skipping school.

"Dysfunctional families create all of these problems," she said. "Gangs are formed because children are looking for families."

Judge Deveaux, who has handled domestic and family violence cases exclusively since May of 1994, told JET the laws regarding sexual assault are better and stronger and many changes have been made within the judicial system involving sexual assault. Among them is the presence of more women in the courtroom as prosecutors and judges.

Women judges, he said, also help male judges see how women may have been treated unfairly in the past.

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Al Green Returns To Secular Music With Latest Album

After numerous years of recording gospel music, legendary soul singer Al Green returns to secular music with his latest album, *Your Heart's in Good Hands*.

Ordained a pastor 18 years ago at the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church in Memphis, Green told David Zimmerman of USA Today the album isn't a step back in time nor a dilution of his preachings. It's merely a "continuation of who I am."

"Since you can't go back, you must go forward. This is the 360 degree of love between a girl and a boy, man and woman, and God and man. It's just the whole circle," said the award-winning singer.

The album features six tunes co-written by Green and was inspired from his duet with country singer Lyle Lovett on *Funny How Time Slips Away* for 1993's *Rhythm, Country, & Blues* album with country and R & B stars. The title track and first single was penned by songwriter Diane Warren and produced by hitmaking producer Narada Michael Walden.

An eight-time Grammy winner, Green's latest project echoes the '70s style that made him famous.

Although the versatile singer is returning to secular music, he hasn't abandoned the ministry and maintains that secular music has never



Legendary soul singer Al Green returns to secular music with his latest album, *Your Heart's in Good Hands*, echoing the '70s style that made him famous. It's a "continuation of who I am" says the famed entertainer.

been far away. In fact, during shows where he'd sing favorite selections from his nine top-selling gospel albums, he always included songs such as *Let's Stay Together* and *Tired Of Being Alone*, he says.

"My gospel audiences know that I was in this business before I started recording gospel. I really had to do some soul searching, being The Reverend," said 49-year-old Green.

"It's kind of unbelievable what I'm doing. It's definitely not the norm for the minister to be able to do *Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay* at the end of the show," said Green.

Earlier this year the famed entertainer was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame & Museum.

Gerald Levert And Dad Eddie Levert Sr. Pay Tribute To Fathers And Sons On New Hit Album

Gerald Levert and Eddie Levert Sr. celebrate the relationship of fathers and sons on their new hit album, *Father and Son*.

Gerald, who won fame as lead of the hit group LeVert, and his superstar father Eddie Levert of the legendary O'Jays sing up a soulful storm on the album which is racing up the charts.

The emotion-packed album captures the loves, laughs, tears, and struggle and pride through the eyes of a father and son who've been there for each other at every turn.

Highlights of the album include *I Got Your Back* and their stirring rendition of *Wind Beneath Your Wings*, a tune recorded by Gladys Knight as well as Bette Midler.

"It's good to be able to tell your father I love you on record," Gerald told JET during a telephone interview. "I love my father because he is able to come to my level. And I think most people need to be able to do that, come to the level of their children, to really understand what they go through and what they are about."

Eddie says of *Wind Beneath Your Wings*, "That song is so special for us. It goes to the heart of what we are trying to say about doing an album like this. We all have to lift each other up. Fathers, sons, mothers, daugh-



Gerald Levert and his father Eddie Levert Sr. team up on their new hit album, *Father and Son*.

ters, brothers and sisters too."

The tune *I Got Your Back* sums up how Gerald and Eddie feel about each other. "If you listen to that, it covers it all," says Eddie.

The tune captures the unconditional love of a father and son with such lyrics as: "I've got your back/And I'll go to the wall for you/I've got your back/And I will take a fall for you."

Gerald hopes that Black families, especially fathers and their sons, will hear something positive on *Fathers and Sons*. "If you are a family or you are trying to get your family together, or if you are a father and you have a son that you can't get across to, that's what we are trying to do, bringing Black men together. That's why we made songs that were about father and son relationships, so people can see how it can be."



▲ Famed singer Gladys Knight and motivational speaker Les Brown are all aglow after exchanging wedding vows during a private ceremony in Las Vegas.

Gladys Knight Says Les Brown Is 'The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me'

Two decades ago, Gladys Knight released her mega-hit *The Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me*, a song about relationships, love, pain, glory and fate.

And now, 21 years later, perhaps because of fate, she has found and married the man who she said is indeed "the best thing that ever happened to me," motivational speaker Les Brown.

The two had dated for a number of years and many fans of both long

► Ms. Knight performs her hit, *You're Number One (In My Book)* on the *American Black Achievement Awards* show in 1994. The happy newlywed says Brown is indeed number one in her book and "the best thing that ever happened to me."





▲ *The acclaimed motivational speaker says he has found his soul mate in his new wife, Gladys Knight.*

► *The happy couple shown in a 1993 file photo, were a constant two-some during their engagement of nearly three years.*

wondered if and when they'd settle down and tie the knot. Ms. Knight said repeatedly that the nuptials would occur "when the time is right."

Well, right turned out to be August 29th at a chapel in Las Vegas with little fanfare. Just the way she wanted it. There were no hordes of photographers or reporters. Although she has been a legendary public figure since the 1960s, Gladys Knight is a big believer

in privacy. That's why the wedding was a low-keyed affair that was not for public consumption.

Though married, Ms. Knight and Brown still have incredibly hectic schedules. He is still one of the world's leading motivational speakers, traveling around the world speaking to diverse groups. And she stays busy recording and touring the country. Fortunately, they still manage to find time for each other.

Both have been previously married. Ms. Knight said "between us, we have 10 kids and seven grandchildren."

When she sings *The Best Thing*,





▲ *Always supportive of each other, the lovebirds cuddle after Ms. Knight's appearance on the American Black Achievement Awards show in 1994.*

one of her most requested tunes, it has much more significance than ever before. When she pours out the tune, it is as much to Brown as it is to her dedicated fans.

The song *The Best Thing* talks about having gone through "life's ups and downs" and times "when times were hard" but the bumps were made smoother because of a special individual. In Gladys Knight's case that special individual was Brown, a man she just happened to meet one night after she gave one of her emotional perfor-

mances. This time the location was Chicago's legendary Regal Theatre.

She told JET several years ago: "I was not looking for a relationship when I first met Les in Chicago where I was performing at the Regal Theatre. When we were introduced in my dressing room after the show, he said, 'Hello,' and hugged me. When he hugged me, it was a kind of little electrical thing."

Indeed there were electrical sparks. The two exchanged phone numbers and spoke shortly after that initial meeting. "We started talking and it seemed like we had known each other all the time," she said.

Brown had nothing but praise for Ms. Knight after meeting her. During an interview two years ago, he said: "Gladys is a great human being. She's a great person. The warmth and the genuineness that people see on stage is who she is in person. She has brought to my life a love of completeness and fulfillment that I did not even know was available...That's how I feel about her. I have found my soulmate and life has just taken on a new meaning. It enhances and enriches every dimension of my life—mentally, professionally and spiritually."

Ms. Knight and Brown had been engaged for several years before strolling down the aisle in her hometown of Las Vegas. Now, after years of being a mother, grandmother, businesswoman and legendary performer, she can add 'beloved wife' to her resume.

Comedian Slappy White Dies Of Heart Attack At 74

Comedian Slappy White recently died after suffering a heart attack at his home in Brigantine, NJ. He was 74.

Born Melvin White, he was a regular on Las Vegas stages often performing at Dean Martin roasts in the 1960s. He got his start in show business dancing for pennies on the streets in his native hometown of Baltimore. He was a dancing partner of Redd Foxx before both made it as comics.

Like his colleague Nipsey Russell, White helped introduce Black comedy to White mainstream audiences in the 1950s. In his signature bit, he



Slappy White

used a black glove and a white glove to promote racial harmony.

The comedian often drew on his own hard-luck experiences.

"My landlord said he's gonna raise the rent. 'Good,' I said, 'cause I can't raise it,'" he often joked.

He also appeared in films and on television with such entertainers as Dinah Washington, Moms Mabley, Redd Foxx and Billy Crystal.

The talented performer formerly was married to entertainers Pearl Bailey and LaVerne Baker.

He is survived by two sisters.

Shakur Settles Wrongful Death Suit With Parents Of 6-Year-Old Boy



Tupac Shakur

A legal settlement recently was reached in a wrongful death suit filed against rap star Tupac Shakur by the parents of a 6-year-old boy who was killed by a stray bullet that allegedly

came from Shakur's gun.

Shakur, 24, records for Death Row Records, which will pay \$300,000 to \$500,000 to the parents of Qu'Id Walker Teal, according to an article in the

San Francisco Chronicle.

The boy reportedly was shot at an outdoor festival in Marin City, CA, in 1992.

Shakur had carried a gun that he dropped when a fight broke out at the festival, charged the plaintiff's lawyer, Jane Lovell. Shakur's half-brother then fired the gun above the heads of the crowd after he was attacked, said Dennis Cunningham, Shakur's lawyer.

No criminal charges have been filed.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated case, Shakur recently was released from jail on a \$1.4 million bail pending an appeal on a sexual abuse charge. (JET, Oct. 30).



■ MARIAH CAREY

■ GERALD LEVERT & EDDIE LEVERT SR.



1. DAYDREAM

Mariah Carey (Columbia)

2. FATHER AND SON

Gerald Levert & Eddie Levert Sr. (Eastwest)

3. DEAD PRESIDENTS

Various Artists (Underworld)

4. FAITH

Faith Evans (Bad Boy)

5. OFF THE HOOK

Xscape (So So Def)

6. DESIGN OF A DECADE 1986/1996

Janet Jackson (A&M)

7. E. 1999 ETERNAL

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony (Ruthless)

8. THE SHOW

Various Artists (Def Jam/RAL)

9. 4, 5, 6

Kool G Rap (Cold Chillin')

10. SOLO

Solo (Perspective)

11. KRS-ONE

KRS-One (Jive)

12. BROWN SUGAR

D'Angelo (EMI)

13. BLACKFACE

Shai (Gasoline Alley)

14. I REMEMBER YOU

Brian McKnight (Mercury)

15. DO OR DIE

AZ (EMI)

16. CRAZYSEXYCOOL

TLC (LaFace)

17. REACHIN' BACK

Regina Belle (Columbia)

18. DEBORAH COX

Deborah Cox (Arista)

19. THE GOLD EXPERIENCE

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Mariah Carey (Columbia)

2. WHO CAN I RUN TO

Xscape (So So Def)

3. TELL ME

Groove Theory (Epic)

4. SENTIMENTAL

Deborah Cox (Arista)

5. BROKENHEARTED

Brandy (Atlantic)

6. RUNAWAY

Janet Jackson (A&M)

7. LIKE THIS AND LIKE THAT

Monica (Rowdy)

8. HEAVEN

Solo (Perspective)

9. ALREADY MISSING YOU

Gerald Levert & Eddie Levert Sr. (Eastwest)

10. CRUSIN'

D'Angelo (EMI)

11. YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Michael Jackson (Epic)

12. I HATE U

⚡ (Warner Bros.)

13. GANGSTA'S PARADISE

Coolio Featuring L.V. (MCA)

14. 1ST OF THE MONTH

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony (Ruthless)

15. FEEL THE FUNK

Immature (MCA)

16. WHERE EVER YOU ARE

Terry Ellis (Eastwest)

17. LOVE U 4 LIFE

Jodeci (Uptown)

18. PLAYER'S ANTHEM

Junior M.A.F.I.A. (Undeas)

19. ON THE DOWN LOW

Brian McKnight (Mercury)

20. YOU USED TO LOVE ME

Faith Evans (Bod Boy)

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'Jurassic Park'

Samuel L. Jackson (Ray Arnold) and **Richard Attenborough** (r) (John Hammond) in an emergency situation look to computer technology to bring Jurassic Park back on line in *Jurassic Park*, which also stars **Jeff Goldblum**, **Sam Neill**, **Laura Dern**, **Wayne Knight**, **Ariana Richard** and **Joseph Mazzello** (Sunday, November 26 at 8:30 p.m., ET) on NBC. Others scheduled to appear this week include:

Eriq LaSalle/Gloria Ruben/Yvette Freeman/Deezer D./Conni Marie

Brazelton /CCH Pounder on "ER," (Thursday, November 23 at 10 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Reginald VelJohnson/JoMarie Payton Noble/Bryton McClure /Rosetta LeNoire/Jalelle White/Darius McCrary/Kellie Shanygne Williams on "Family Matters," (Friday, November 24 at 8 p., ET) on ABC.

Mark Curry/Raven Symoné/Holly Robinson/Nell Carter/Saundra Quarterman/Marquise Wilson on "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," (Friday, November 24 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Henry G.Sanders/Jonelle Allen on "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," (Saturday, November 25 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Clarence Gilyard on "Walker, Texas Ranger," (Saturday, November 25 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Wendy Raquel Robinson/ Rondell Sheridan/Camille Winbush/Bobby E. McAdams II on "Minor Adjustments," (Sunday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m., ET) on NBC.

James McDaniel on "NYPD Blue," (Tuesday, November 28 at 10 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Meshach Taylor on "Dave's World," (Wednesday, November 29 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

S. Apatha Merkersen on "Law & Order," (Wednesday, November 29 at 10 p.m., ET) on NBC.



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